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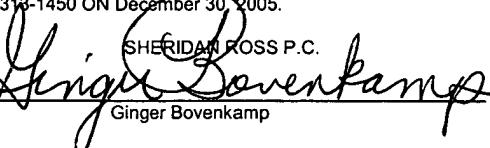


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL**

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this Amendment and Response After Final to address the Final Office Action having a mailing date of October 31, 2005. Although the Applicants believe that no fees are due for filing this Amendment and Response, please charge any fees deemed necessary to Deposit Account No. 50-1602.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.